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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, September 7, 2019 2:54 PM
To: <neil.jacobs@noaa.gov>
Subject: NOAA statement

Dear Neil Jacobs, acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere:

I am concerned about the 9/6/19 NOAA statement reported in The Washington Post on 9/6/19, in which NOAA appears to support President Trump's untruthful assertion that Hurricane Dorian was forecast to strike Alabama – the assertion that the president insisted was correct when he later displayed a weather map altered with a black Sharpie marker extending the hurricane's cone westward beyond the Florida panhandle.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/weather/2019/09/06/noaa-backs-president-trump-alabama-hurricane-forecast-rebukes-weather-service-office-that-accurately-contradicted-him/>

Further, this NOAA statement admonished its National Weather Service office in Birmingham, Ala. for disagreeing with the president.

8 U.S. Code 2074 addresses false weather reports, which is what the president gave.

As the Washington Post says: "The Weather Service's mission is to protect life and property. By releasing the statement admonishing the agency for an accurate forecast, NOAA may be seen as putting politics before facts. This could undermine forecasters' ability to carry out their mission to the point where people may come to see its weather forecasts as political and untrustworthy."

Please tell me, Mr. Jacobs: Did you issue this statement supporting the president's false claim? If not, did you approve it? Will future NOAA statements be based on factual weather reports, or will they be politically influenced?

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

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